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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Report on the Use of National Estimates
 by Embassies and Theatre Commands

For Your Information:

1. In June of 1953, in response to a concern of the Agency that NIE's might not be reaching the right people in embassies and theatre commands, this Office undertook to investigate, with the other agencies, what the facts were.
2. As a result of inquiries by the Department of State to London and Paris embassies, we believe that the estimates are being routed to the officers who would reasonably have most use for them. Inquiries to other embassies were not undertaken.
3. From the military we learned, on the basis of headquarters' inquiries to the theatre commands, that the latter are bringing estimates to the attention of the proper officials and that they find them very useful.
4. This Office believes that it would be inappropriate to press this inquiry further and accordingly will drop the matter unless instructed to do otherwise or until there is an indication in the case of a given embassy or theatre command that NIE's are not being made available.
5. Certain suggestions with respect to national estimates which we received during this inquiry have been available to ONE, with whom we have discussed this report.

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